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## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or  
☒ Application No. 09/981,304, filed on October 15, 2001,  
☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

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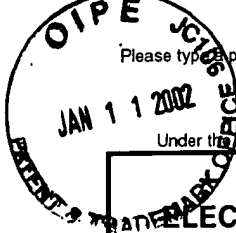
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	<b>Filing Date</b>	October 15, 2001
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Andreas Gubner, Ph.D.
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	130109.438

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*Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).*

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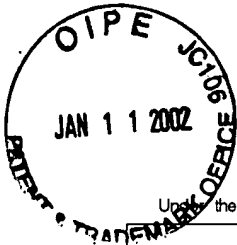
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Date	December 20, 2001
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Date	December 20, 2001

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Andr as Gubn r, Ph.D.Application No./Patent No.: 09/981,304 Filed/Issue Date: October 15, 2001Entitled: **FUEL PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PURGING A FUEL PROCESSING SYSTEM**Ballard Generation Systems Inc.

(Name of Assignee)

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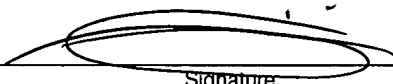
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Typed or printed name

  
SignatureCorporate Secretary

Title

December 20, 2001  
DateDavid Smith

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Andreas Gubner, Ph.D. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), having a mailing address of 6525 Lochdale Street, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5B 2M7, am the sole inventor of an invention entitled "FUEL PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PURGING A FUEL PROCESSING SYSTEM," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on October 15, 2001, and assigned Application No. 09/981,304.

WHEREAS, Ballard Generation Systems Inc. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a Canadian corporation having a place of business at Unit C, 4242 Phillips Avenue, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5A 2X2, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, this application, and any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters